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Identical letters dated 15 May 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I would like to refer to the letter of the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran dated 4 May 2017. In the letter, the Iranian Permanent Representative commented on statements attributed to His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the Deputy Crown Prince, Second Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of Saudi Arabia. In a continuation of the Iranian deliberate policy of deception, contravention and manipulation, the Iranian Permanent Representative made false and baseless accusations that defy logic and reason.

In fact, Iran's belligerent activities continue to destabilize the region and threaten the maintenance of international peace and security. The Iranian regime's unabashed support of terrorism is often carried out by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, responsible for exporting Iranian radical ideology and subsidizing terror across the globe. Iran's use of terror and terror tactics include:

- (a) Iran's continued violations of international humanitarian law, including alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria. Iran's aid ranges from money and weapons to troops and training, including the recruitment and support of thousands of sectarian militias and foreign mercenaries from Lebanon to Afghanistan;
- (b) Iran's continued support, financing and equipping of the terrorist organization Hizbullah in Lebanon, Syria and throughout the world;
- (c) Iran's continued support of sectarian militias in Iraq that have obstructed the country's efforts towards peace and unity;
- (d) Iran's continued support of the illegitimate rebels in Yemen, who have occupied the country, hijacked its army, ransacked its resources, continued to commit acts of violence against the Yemeni population and threatened the safety and security of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, all in defiance of numerous Security Council resolutions, including resolution 2216 (2015). On multiple occasions, Iranian illicit weapons were intercepted by several Member States and the Combined Maritime Forces. These maritime seizures of weapons, including by Australia, France and the United States of America, uncovered huge shipments of illicit arms confirmed to have originated in Iran;
- (e) Iran's continued interference in the internal affairs of several countries in the region, including Saudi Arabia and Bahrain.



The Iranian Permanent Representative refers to the suffering of the region over the last four decades. However, he conveniently overlooks the fact that those four decades happen to have coincided with the current regime in Iran, which is constitutionally based on the principles of sectarianism, exporting its revolution and promoting sedition and radicalization. It is Iran's expansionist, radical and fanaticism-based policy that has caused conflict, the continued suffering of people inside and outside Iran and the spread of terrorism in the region and the world.

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation, on 14 April 2016, "deplored Iran's interference in the internal affairs of the States of the region and other Member States, including Bahrain, Yemen, Syria and Somalia, and its continued support for terrorism."

We call upon Iran to shun its sectarian agenda and expansionist policy, refrain from hostile attacks and inflammatory false accusations against the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, stop its contraventions of the Charter of the United Nations and all international covenants and turn its efforts and resources towards the development and prosperity of its own people. Only in this manner will the countries of the Arabian Gulf be able to reach understandings based on peaceful coexistence, dialogue and mutual respect.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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